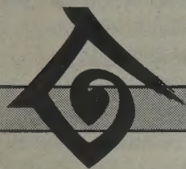


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IEW

All is bright! Elk Point lights up



SANTA TOUCHES DOWN AT BUCKINGHAM HOUSE - just in time to help the residents win first place in the Institutions category of the Chamber of Commerce Lighting and Decorating Contest. The judges were especially impressed with the three-dimensional sleigh and the eight life-size reindeer.

Who needs Candy Cane Lane?

Judges in the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas Lighting and Decorating Contest found their task a pleasant but difficult one this year, with a huge number of well decorated homes and businesses to decide between.

The residential category was won by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lesyk, whose well-coordinated design incorporated many, many large and small lights in matching colors. Second place went to Brenda and Rick Patroch for an elegant green and white decor highlighted with scarlet bows. Third place, after considerable discussion, went to Jody and Dennis Boyko, who decorated each of their trees a different color and

added a whimsical display to their garden shed.

Runners-up in the Residential category were Liz Didow, whose handpainted angels and blue and gold lights were very attractive, Tony and Yvette Bochon and Russ and Terry Hebblethwaite, both with striking red and white lighting schemes, Pauline Pankiw with eye-catching green and white, Joe and Jeanne Miller and Bill and Adella Jennissen, both with action figures adding to their light display, and Len and Diane Cole, who added an ice palace and music to last year's winning display. Reindeer at the homes of Doris Capjack, Pat and Helene Brodwin and Mr. and Mrs. Armand Houle also caught the judges' eye

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First Night Festival to wind up IYF

The International Year of the Family in Elk Point will come to a glorious and exciting end this Saturday with the community's first ever First Night Fest, an event which, if it is successful, could become an annual occurrence each December 31.

The Fest is an alcohol-free, family oriented event with a myriad of activities for all ages. Check the following schedule and come out and enjoy the final hours of 1994 with your family!

Elk Point Library - 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: Make Your Own Book; 12:00 Noon: Hot Dog Lunch; Puppet Shows

with puppeteers Judith and Tom Valleau at 12:00 and 12:30 noon.

Ag Society Riding Arena - 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Free family riding - bring your own horse.

Hospital and Parkview Extended Care - 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.: visiting and refreshments with residents.

Seniors' Recreation Centre - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.: Family Floor Curling

Curling Rink - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.: Family curling challenges and free curling for anyone interested in learning or challenging.

A. G. Ross Arena - 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.: Family Skating, food

booths. 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.: Ukrainian Dance Club performance; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.: Karate workshop with audience participation; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.: Family photographs by Rilla Higgins (two 5 x 7 pictures for \$5.35); 6:30 p.m.: Storytelling by John Drobot; 7:00 p.m.: Author readings by Irene Magnusson; 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.: Entertainment by Gabe Bayduza, Franklin Wolters, Rick Peters, Marge Heffernan and more.; 7:45 p.m.: Guest Speakers Tori Warawa and Jim MacLellan; 8:30 p.m.: **FIREWORKS FINALE!**

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!

Town, County meet

Elk Point Town Council met with their County counterparts last Wednesday for a friendly discussion of mutual concerns, including the airport, fire department, ambulance service and landfill site.

The \$283,000 airport runway extension project is now complete, with Alberta Transportation paying 60% of the cost, and Amoco and Pan Canadian Petroleum \$43,000 each, leaving \$17,500 each to be paid by the Town and County. Upkeep of the facility was discussed, including snow plowing and ice removal for this winter. Sand cannot be used on the runway, so it will be spread with fertilizer, which is later brushed off. The County has both a spreader and a broom for their 3-point-hitch tractor, which is also used at the St. Paul airport. User fees will be set by the Airport Commission after the cost of maintaining is determined. The Commission will also decide the most cost-efficient way of mowing grass along the runways next summer.

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Fire Department discussion centred on training for firemen. Mayor Ed Buck noted that while firefighters are generally willing to take training courses, they are unwilling to take time off from their jobs to do so, because of lost wages. He said that the Town pays the men \$6.50 per hour for practices and in-town fires. The County pays \$15 per hour for men attending fires in the county. A maximum of 6 men are sent to county fires. Specialized training for various types of fires is needed. County reeve Duane Lindberg noted that discussion of oilpatch and bush fires is needed, to determine when the firemen should respond. Technically, Lindberg said, "fighting bush fires is not our business." The County plans to meet with fire chiefs and town fire committees in the new year to discuss their firefighting agreements. Elk Point's agreement was signed in 1987.

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All is bright! Elk Point lights up

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Decorated apartments were very sparse, so mobile and modular homes were added to that category. Dan and Maria Povaschuk, with red and green lights and a handpainted

Santa and reindeer, placed first, with Wayne and Brenda Mudryk's cheery red color scheme second and Karen Scanie's balcony, with multi-colored lights, Santa and candles, third.

The Institutions category was another difficult one, but Buckingham House, with their lifesize reindeer pulling Santa in a three-dimensional sleigh, was declared the winner. The

bright lights and well-decorated windows of Heritage Lodge earned them a second prize (and we hear the inside is even better!), while Fort George Manor, with their handsome 'Noel,' was third. Special mention must be made of Elk Point United Church, with their glowing giant candles and manger scene, and the unique barbed wire wreaths adorning the Baptist Church.

whose "Santa's Workshop" is sure to enchant everyone who goes in their door. Third place went to Woody's Trophy and Gift, with their ever-growing window display of action figures. Honorable mentions include the Treasury Branch, with beautiful artwork on their windows, The Cutting Edge with a nicely coordinated interior design, and Millie's Flowers, whose window is a sight to behold.

Thanks to everyone for their wonderful efforts at making Elk Point a very colorful place to be this Christmas!

Town and County meet

(Continued from Front Page)

Ambulance service has been much on the minds of Town and County officials in recent weeks. A temporary arrangement under which Fred Lambright of Elk Point and District Ambulance was subsidized to operate until January 1, but no definite decision has been made on where to go from there. The joint committee made up of representatives of both Councils, the Elk Point Hospital and industry representatives is expected to meet between Christmas and New Years to work toward a solution.

The sanitary landfill site jointly operated by the Town and County has also been a bone of contention. The

County is now proposing to take over operation of the site and put one of their own employees in charge of it. Duane Lindberg said "we did have some problems [in the past year]. If we run it, we would have more control." A fire which escaped from the site last spring was a major concern. Also, the County feels that if they take over the site, they could compact the garbage and make the site last longer, and possibly combine it with a much needed dry landfill site for construction and demolition debris.

"We plan on redoing the whole thing," Lindberg said, adding that a fire guard is part of the plans. Compacting the garbage will save 60 percent

of the space, he noted. There is one year left on the current contract between the Town and County, and Lindberg feels that "if we man it and something happens [such as a fire], it's our baby."

Plans for a dry landfill site west of Elk Point fell through after a letter-writing campaign in protest of the development was launched by area residents. Councillor Ray Danyluk feels that adding a dry landfill to the current site might be an appropriate alternative.

The meeting concluded on a cheerful note, with wishes on both sides for a happy holiday season. Lindbergh looks forward to "good working relations in 1995 - and not all garbage, I hope."

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A. G. Ross Arena activities

By Donna Bassett

Arena Operating Committee

Having become responsible for 62% of the \$418,323 debt acquired by the Elk Point Agricultural Society, the A. G. Ross Arena Operating Committee has decided to pursue several different avenues in order to pay down the \$244,418 portion allocated to the A. G. Ross Arena. One group is working on the Debt Reduction Fund which will raise funds to directly pay down the principal. In the past weeks, letters have been sent out to the businesses in Elk Point and area as well as to the households of the town. These letters detail the plan for the debt reduction and have been well received. Donations will be recognized by a plaque that will be on display in the lobby of the arena.

While this important work continues, however, the loan payments must be met. The Arena Operating Committee has decided to repay the loan on a quarterly basis, thus reducing the principal faster. Realizing that fundraising has to be on an ongoing basis and not left till the last minute, the Loan Payment Committee has come up with a schedule of events which we are sure many people in the community will be interested in.

The first event to kick off the fundraising was held on December 4 and was a great success. This was the Children's Winter Festival and Craft and Bake Sale held in the A. G. Ross Arena. Many people came out to support this event which was geared toward the younger children who do not always get the ice time that the older athletes get. Donated items for the Craft and Bake Sale sold well in the Horizon Room and many volunteers came out to help.

Our next big event is set for January 5, 1995 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. All the users of the arena are encouraged to participate in the Skate-a-thon scheduled for that time. Pledge sheets have been distributed and challenges have been issued. There could be some excitement, not to mention fast and fancy skating, between the oilfield companies during Oilfield Challenge. How many hockey players would like to see their coaches doing lap after lap during the Coaches' Challenge? And what about the Team Challenge? Can the Atoms skate more laps than the PeeWees? What about the

Novice and Micro Novice teams? Who can raise the most in pledges? Figure skaters and hockey players alike will be out supporting their arena and working hard to keep it open. When they come around with their pledge sheets, please offer your support with a pledge.

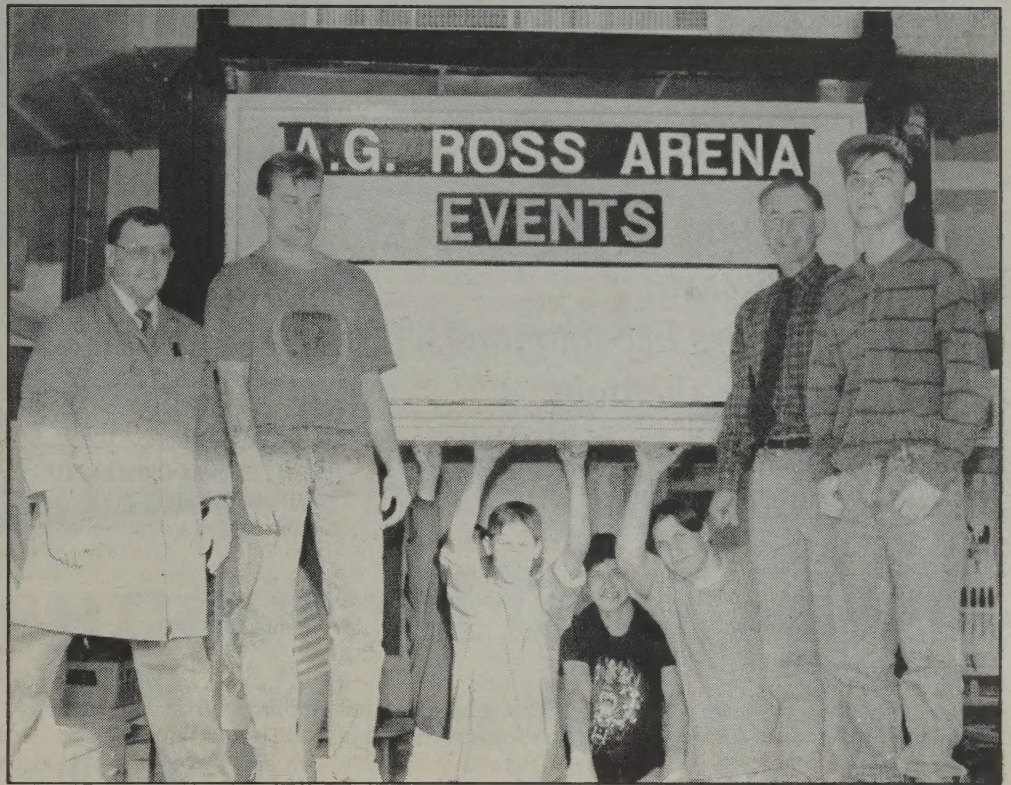
February will see a Non-Contact Adult Hockey Tournament scheduled for one weekend with the funds raised to go toward the loan payment. This tournament, traditionally hosted by the B & R Eckels team, traditionally attracts many teams for the surrounding towns as well as Edmonton. Some of the B & R players will be organizing this tournament.

March 3 will be the date of the Quest for Talent in which talented young people will get a chance to get up on stage and demonstrate their skill. Last year's event brought together many singers, dancers and musicians and we're sure this year's event will be equally as successful. The Quest for Talent will be held in the Elks Hall and will be followed by a Teen Dance that evening.

Some lucky person will be the winner of the Arena Operating Committee's Trip Raffle on March 17, 1995. An all-inclusive trip for two to Cabo San Lucas will be raffled off on Opening Night of the Bantams Provincial Tournament, to be hosted in the A. G. Ross Arena March 17 to 19, 1995. The funds raised from the raffle will go toward the Arena Loan Payment. The second prize for this draw is a two-night stay at the West Edmonton Mall Fantasy Land Hotel.

April sees the end of ice in the Arena and we have scheduled a SpringFest for Friday, April 28. This will be a beer garden and dance and, with the support of the community, we hope it will be as successful as last year. April 7 will see us hosting a hockey game between the CFCW Country Critters and the Minor Hockey coaches and managers. This could be the event of the year. Comedy and "skill" on ice!

Spring is also the time for spring cleaning and what better time to host a Community Garage Sale and Flea Market. As in the past, donated items will be gratefully accepted and anyone can rent a table to sell their "treasures" at this event. One change is that artisans and crafters will also be encouraged to display their wares at



A SIGN FOR THE TIMES - and activities which go on at A. G. Ross Arena was created by Grade 12 and 11 students in F. G. Miller High School's Industrial Arts Shop. Shop teacher Blaine Easthope, student Richard Piotrowski, Principal Jim Hawkins and student Derek Kalynchuk think it will be a handsome addition to the arena. The younger students holding up the sign agree.

this May event. This has been a huge success for everyone who participated in the two Garage Sales we held last year.

Elk Point is well known for the great Canada Day celebrations of the past and we intend to continue the tradition with a full day of activities. How about a dunk tank for coaches and team managers? How good is the aim of those "poor, hardworked" hockey players? Tug-of-war events and children's activities are going to be on the schedule. How about an Oilfield Challenge to get revenge for the Skatathon? A slowpitch tournament on the North Hill is a possibility for that day and of course Elk Point's famous Canada Day Beerfest is a must.

The Elk Point Agricultural Society has to hold its Bench Fair in one of its own buildings and the A. G. Ross Arena building with its big arena floor and Horizon Meeting Room can be a definite possibility in August.

September sees us again hosting a Community Garage Sale and Flea and Craft Sale. Due to our desire to get the ice in early in October, we also are looking at hosting a Pre-Octoberfest in September.

As you can see, we have a full year of activities planned to raise funds for the loan payments. We know that the whole community is interested in the continued success of the A. G.

Ross Arena and with your support we can make it all happen. Our "Debt Thermometer" will be erected soon, showing the amount of our debt, and will be updated regularly to show the loan payments, one of which was already made on November 28, as well as debt paydown. Anyone interested in assisting our efforts or wishing to offer suggestions or even just encouragement, please feel free to talk to Kevin Bjornstad anytime. Like all of us, he can usually be found at the arena.

FCSS takes Christmas break

Elk Point FCSS Department is closed from December 19 to January 3 for the holiday season. Please leave any messages on their answering machine (724-3800) or at the Town Office. FCSS looks forward to serving you in the new year. Have a happy and safe holiday, and enjoy the First Night Fest!

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GENERAL MEETING

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PanCanadian Conference Room

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Winter Morning

By Kelly Oszust

F. G. Miller High School

When the morning awakes
All is peaceful,
The newborn sun
Falls upon the earth,
The snow glitters like diamonds,
Romantically in the light.
There are no sounds,
And it seems so unreal,
The tall trees
Covered in silk,
They seem frozen in time,
They appear to be beautiful for this
world;
The sun is red
Like a ruby domineering over the
sky,
She enters the darkness
And lives amongst the light.
Morning amongst the coldness
Is more beautiful than anything
else,
That is why I love the winter.



WINTER WONDERLAND - Ice-laden bushes provide a sparkling background for Santa, a snowman and carolers at Len and Diane Cole's home on 51 Avenue. A life-sized nativity scene and music added to the well-dressed yard.

*It's Time To
Say "Thanks"*



*We just wanted to
take time out to let you know
how much we value
your friendship and support.
Happy New Year.*



MOTHER - SON COLLABORATION - A young fellow needs a helping hand when it comes to the serious business of creating Christmas ornaments. This was just one of the many activities at this year's Parent Nursery Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 21.

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The Family Forum

By Jim MacLellan

Well, this is the last of nearly 40 articles on the family. I've enjoyed the opportunity, but have at times been overwhelmed by the responsibility to produce thought-provoking material. I have tried to give due credit to authors that I have used; and I could not have shared the information I did without them.

Has the Year of the Family made a difference? You will need to be the judge of that. I think it has. The awareness efforts of the Elk Point Interagency Committee and all the clubs and organizations in Elk Point has been superb. Much of what has been done, has been done by the encouragement and cooperation of

Terri Ehlert and the Elk Point FCSS Board. They deserve a hand! Lastly, you, the families, are to be commended. Family life is better today than 20 years ago. That's positive!

The Angus Reid Group completed a survey to be released in or about July 1995. However, the preliminary documents show some optimistic things. Let me share with you some quotes:

Most Canadians describe their family lives as the greatest joy in their lives (67% strong agreement). The data shows that married couples are most satisfied with their lives (82%) compared to those who are currently divorced or separated.

Youth in Canada maintain

many of the traditional opinions and expectations about raising a family and feel a strong sense of belonging in their current family (93% agree that their family is "happy").

I think personally that people today want a return to a value-based society, in a traditional framework and an emphasis on the family rather than the individual. It's time for the political appointees to see this and start the process of legislation to allow it. There's a minority of people that promote anti-family ideals - - yet they are the ones being listened to. Is that democratic? For the last time, what do you think?

Thanks, Vicki for 40 issues of impeccable support!



99 AND COUNTING - Grace Franks, centre, celebrated her 99th birthday last Tuesday at Parkview Extended Care. Joining Mrs. Franks at the head table for a coffee party were her sister Mabel Dumont and longtime friend Raymond Mayhew. Mrs. Franks said she was "having a lovely day" with her fellow residents.

Heritage Lodge celebrates

By Tracy Kjenner

Elk Point has been buzzing with Christmas parties and the residents of Heritage Lodge were certainly not forgotten in Christmas party scene.

The Heritage Lodge Christmas party was held Thursday, December 8. Residents and their invited guests joined together for a potluck supper following a message delivered by Mayor Ed Buck on behalf of the M. D. of St. Paul Foundation and the blessing which was given by

Pastor Jim MacLellan.

Later, everyone enjoyed the musical entertainment provided by the Heinsburg Oldtimers, Leonard Sawak, Ed Smuk and Willie Osinchuk.

Winners for the draws were as follows: the rug hooked by four residents was won by Ann Berg, Elk Point; the crocheted tablecloth donated by Madeleine McAleese was won by Melissa Gushnowski, Edmonton; Bryan Krawchuk was the winner of the afghan which was donated by Florence McDonnell; and

Leonard Sawak won the basket of assorted coffees which was donated by Barb Croteau of In Days of Olde.

Before the evening came to a close, Santa Claus appeared delivering goodie bags to everyone.

Many volunteers made this evening possible and to those people, a big "THANK YOU" is extended. Your support and cooperation is very much appreciated.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

Craft, bake sale supports Head Start

Giving students a nutritious Head Start to their day is the focus of a new program in Heinsburg Community School.

Every morning, all Elementary kids are offered a tasty, nutritious snack to supplement the breakfast they had at home. Community and staff volunteers are involved in preparing and serving the food.

The volunteers are the most important element of the program, since without them the children wouldn't get the morning snacks. The willingness of the volunteers to get involved and to help the children is tremendous!

The other important element of the program is the food, which, unfortunately, has a cost. However on Saturday, December 10, the Head Start program hosted a very successful craft and bake sale in the school gym. Despite bitterly cold weather, 32 vendors displayed and sold their wares to a respectable sized crowd.

Donated crafts and baking were sold at the Head Start table, and proceeds from this table, chili and sandwich sales, and table rentals raised about \$800 for the Head Start program.

The school sincerely appreciates the donations made to the Head Start table, and all the time spent by volunteers planning, preparing, serving and

cleaning up, to help raise funds for the health of our children.

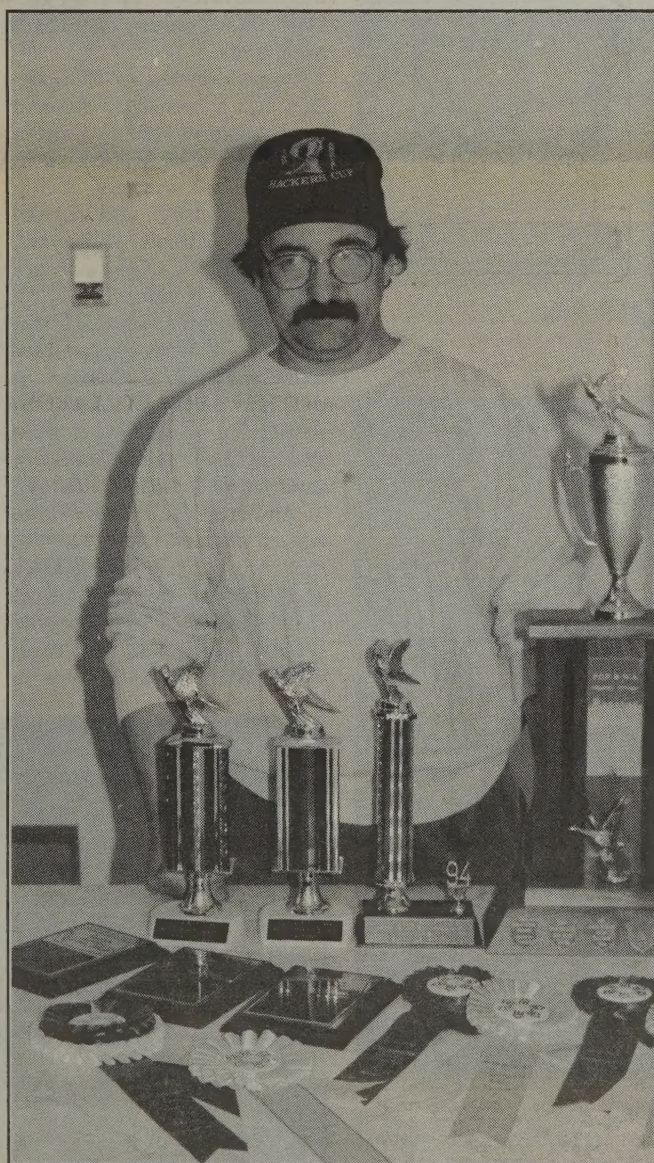
The school was also very impressed with the number of vendors and the quality and variety of products offered for sale.

The date for next year's craft and bake sale is December 9, 1995.

Correction

In our Town Council story of Dec. 13, it was erroneously stated that libraries leaving the Northern Lights Library System would have to return all books purchased by them through the System. This is not the case. These books remain the property of those libraries. Libraries which leave NLLS are also given the option of purchasing the equipment such as computers and fax machines they acquired through System membership.

Our apologies for this error.



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Santa takes a nap



Songs of joy

It's Christmas Concert time

Elk Point Elementary School presented a pair of entertaining and much enjoyed Christmas concerts last week, with capacity crowds for both occasions. Students and staff combined their talents and added the 'very valuable help from the parents to produce top-notch plays, while music instructor Don Buryn directed choirs from each grade and provided tuneful accompaniment for most of the plays.

Part I

Wednesday's concert opened with the Monday/Wednesday ECS students presenting a delightful skit about 'Five Little Elves' and a song about 'Merry Christmas Time.'

The Grade 5 music classes sang 'We Three Kings' and added conga and Christmas tree accompaniment to 'The Road to Bethlehem.'

Mrs. Long's Grade 1A students had 'A Tree-Mendous Christmas,' as they decorated their tree with an array of garlands, stars, candy canes and ornaments.

Prizes donated by ECS parents and a poinsettia donated by Meadowview Garden Centre were drawn for, with the lucky winners being Shawn, Kelsey and Lynall Slywka, William Kulczycki, Rose Blacklock, Olga Lawrence and Barb Smereka.

Mrs. Buryn's Grade 1B students were next on the program with "Toys Galore," as dancing dolls, marching tin soldiers, a multicolored train and a lively jack-in-the-box cavorted in Santa's workshop.

Town of Elk Point school trustee Ed Buck asked "Doesn't that bring back memories?" and thanked the staff for all their work in putting on the concert. He noted that these would be the final concerts to

be held under the jurisdiction of the County of St. Paul, after 21 years, because the new Regional School Board takes over January 1. He had recently toured all 15 schools in the new region and assured the parents that Elk Point Elementary is the finest in the area.

The two Grade 3 classes, instructed by Mrs. Tkachuk and Mr. Hymanyk, showed us that it really IS a small world after all, with children representing many nations on stage in a 'Celebration of Peace.'

Miss Miller's Grade 5As told about 'Santa In Wonderland,' a tale of Christmas in the year 2031, when a former elf tells about the year way back when that the elves tired of making high-tech electronics and go on strike. Stressed-out Santa goes to sleep and wakes in the forest, talking to trees, supercilious ballerina dolls and a pizza eating penguin who tries to show him what an old fashioned Christmas was like. As time to meet Christmas deadlines runs out, Santa meets the Snow Queen, who wants him arrested for trespassing. He escapes just in time to get the old fashioned toys made and loaded for his Christmas eve trip.

Principal Don Conrad said the year has gone very quickly, and expressed best wishes for Christmas and New Years. He also offered birthday wishes to Grace Franks on her 99th year, and said her caring and sharing attitude has helped to mould the character of the students through her citizenship awards.

The concert concluded with Mr. Bilak's Grade 5Bs, who tell what it would be like if Santa won \$50 million in a lottery. He announces his retirement, and is immediately mobbed by the press. He and the Mrs. meet



It's a small world

at Elk Point Elementary!

meet with the employment agency, but are not impressed with 'Brantford the Christmas Gift Guy,' who drives a team of yaks. That's enough to make conscientious Santa rethink his retirement and decide to spend the money on toys instead.

Part II

Same scene, slightly different crowd, 24 hours later:

This time it was the Tuesday/Thursday ECS students who performed "Five Little Elves" and "At Merry Christmas Time" under the careful direction of Miss Ockerman.

The Grade 6 music classes offered two numbers, "Run, Shepherds, Run" and "The First Noel," the latter featuring verses by Carlen Mutch, Dorielle Richard and Melanie Johnson, and Danny Wentworth and Aaron Simon.

Mrs. Boothman's Grade 2A students saluted the 25th anniversary of man's landing on the moon with an impressive number entitled "Santa On The Moon," complete with sound effects and a real rocket lift-off.

The Grade 5 draw was made, with Jason Pankiw winning a Christmas stocking of loonies.

You tend to think of Elk Point as a very hospitable town, but some newcomers just aren't welcome, as Miss Grabas' Grade 4As showed. The "New Resident" in question was a rat, who found neither town nor surrounding country, to be friendly. Finally she found a room in the Mayor's home, but nearly gave his wife a heart attack. What's a mayor to do? He calls Super Santa, who whips into an EP-TEL phone booth and comes out ready for action—which includes taking off with the rat

to Hawaii. Who do you think ends up in the next beach chairs? Mr and Mrs. Mayor Buck!

Thursday's ECS draw, also with prizes donated by parents and Meadowview, was won by Diane Huffman, Lyn Young, Brett Hahn, Maureen Myshaniuk, Rick Patroch, Lorraine Danyluk, Terry Hebblethwaite and Val Merkel.

Grade 2B and 4B combined, under the direction of Mrs. Conrad and Mrs. Richard, to present an "Animal Noel." It's Christmas in the jungle, and the Lion King finds out his followers would like to take his place as leader. Even the dancing girls, with glittery skirts, would like to depose him. Will the king with the coolest hair be the best ruler? Or do they really need a king at all? The Lion King decides he has been unfair, and takes off his crown as all agree to live in harmony.

County School Trustee Ray Danyluk brought wishes on behalf of the departing County board and the new Regional board, and said a lot of changes in education will be coming at the local level. He hoped all who deliver education will remember to put the students first.

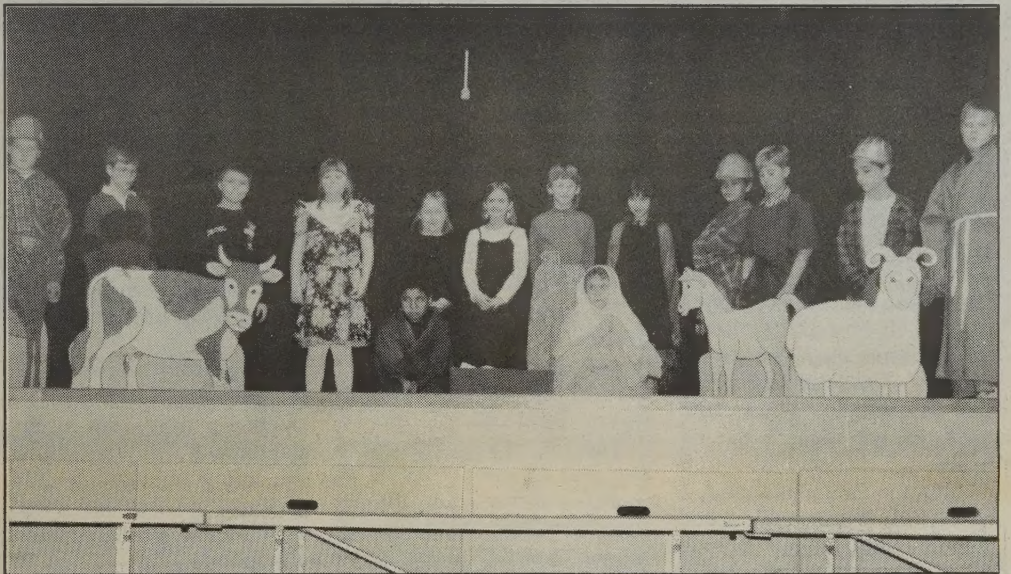
Mrs. Bilak's Grade 4Cs told the legend of "The Three Tall Trees." One wanted to be a treasure chest, and achieved that goal. One wanted to be a sailing ship, but ended up as a fishing boat that always had good catches. The third wanted to be the tallest tree in the forest, but was cut down and ended up as lumber for a cattle feed trough. However, it was he who gloried in the end, as the manger where the Baby Jesus was cradled after his birth in the stable.

Don Conrad's Thursday message was of thanks to all who cooperated in putting on

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Five little elves



A manger for Baby Jesus



King of the jungle



Reindeer surgery

Concert

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the concert, and to the outgoing County board for all their efforts. He also thanked Don Buryn for his efforts with both concerts.

Oh, HELP! It's Christmas eve and Rudolph is missing. Santa and the elves phone all over, but don't find him. He is discovered, hoofs up, in the forest and the veterinarian holds little help for him, even after an emergency operation reveals he has eaten everything from shoelaces to a hammer. It takes the Energizer bunny to diagnose that he has BNI (Batteries Not Included) disease, and get him going, and glowing, again in time for Christmas.

The Grade 4 music classes performed "Shine A Light For Peace" and "Glory To God in the Highest."

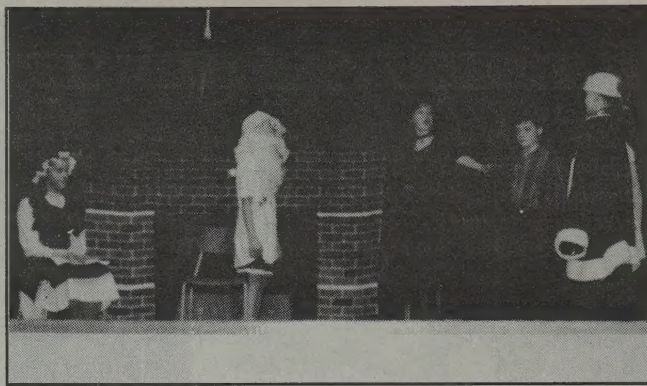
The concert came to a conclusion with Mr. Meger's Grade 6 students telling us "I Don't Believe In Santa Claus." Well, some of them, the little kids, do, but the big kids of the family and their friends need a dose of elf dust and a visit to Santa's workshop, where the big guy shows one unbeliever her Santa Claus letter from 1988, to get them believing again.

MCs for Thursday's concert were Julie Young and Aaron Simon, while Romy Rohner and Dean Sereda did Wednesday's honors.

PIONEER CIRCLE BINGO WINNERS

December 19, 1994

Nicole Piesinger \$15, Dan Demchuk \$15, Joe Melnyk \$30, Jack White \$30, Alice Dreilick \$30, Dawn Bruins \$30, Dan Demchuk \$30, Stella Lorenson \$30, Ann Palynchuk \$30, Lynn Lundgren \$30, Harry Dumont \$30, Olga Ruzyski \$15, Lil Sass \$15, Joe Melnyk \$15, Ed Piotrowski \$45, Ann Piotrowski \$30, Kathy Zarowny \$30, Olga Melnyk \$36, Josie Zarowny \$59, Helen Pelech \$24, Olga Melnyk \$580, John Pankratow \$126, Hazel Barboy \$36, Mary Paul \$36, Bill Dewey \$36, Mary Paul \$36.



The Gift Giving Guy

New school division has mission statement

Trustees, administrators, principals and parents have drawn up a mission statement for St. Paul Education Regional Division No.1.

The mission statement was drawn up by 44 people during a retreat at St. Edouard Nov. 30 and Dec.1, according to St. Paul County superintendent of schools Ted Cabaj.

The statement reflects the different values and ideals of the 15 schools which will be part of the new education region, Cabaj said.

The St. Paul Education Regional Division consists of representatives from the St. Paul and Two Hills County school boards, Glen Avon school board and St. Paul public school board. The division will begin operation Jan. 3.

Cabaj said the mission statement is just one of several areas the division will be working on when it takes it duties.

Cabaj said they need to see what role Parents Advisory Committees will play in the operation of schools.

Education Minister Halvar Jonson issued a statement earlier in the month stating parent councils, to be called school councils, would have a greater say in the running of schools.

Cabaj said what he's heard from parents is "we don't want to run the schools, we just want to offer suggestions."

Terry Gadowksi, chairperson of the Glen Avon Parent Advisory Council, agreed.

He said he believed parents should help in making decisions but the final decision should be the boards.

He said the school councils could possibly recommend to hire a new teacher but it would be the board's decision as to who the individual would be.

The St. Paul Education Regional Division #1 Mission Statement:

In partnership with parents

and communities, the St. Paul Education Regional Division No 1 provides for the development of responsible, productive and learned citizens while respecting cultural, linguistic and religious diversity.

Values:

We Value:

Honesty, integrity, openness and fairness in all decisions and actions, which affect the school system.

Respect for the uniqueness of all individuals.

Ownership by all in the education process

The pursuit of excellence while endeavoring to maintain a high level of achievement consistent with abilities.

Cooperation in building and maintaining partnerships through a collaborative approach.

The sense of pride and ownership in the growth of our education system.

Beliefs

We believe:

Learning is life long.

Parents are the primary educators with support from the school and the community.

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F. G. Miller plans ski trip

By Kelly Oszust

FGM Reporter

This spring break, 47 of the F. G. Miller senior high students as well as five teachers will be going on a ski trip to Marmot Basin in Jasper.

The cost to attend this trip is \$225 per person, which includes a three day lift and lesson package, three nights accommodation at the Jasper Activity Centre, meals, Jasper Aquatic Centre pass (water slide, steam room and whirlpool), Activity Centre pass (racquet ball, volleyball, ice skating, TV and VCR) and all transportation. Ski equipment rental is not included in this fare.

They will be leaving by bus

on March 25 and returning on March 28, 1995.

French class fundraising

F. G. Miller's French 10 class is fundraising for their upcoming trip to Quebec and have been providing a multitude of services, from snow shoveling to gift wrapping.

Now they are going to help householders clean up after the holidays.

January 2 will see them holding a Bottle Drive from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., and they would appreciate you leaving your bottles on your step, or call Terry at 724-4165.

Elks lose two on the road

Elk Point Elks had a disappointing pair of road games on December 14 and 16, losing 8-6 to the Vermilion Senators on Wednesday, December 14 and 7-2 to Paradise Valley Jets on Friday, December 16.

In Wednesday's game, Vermilion had a two goal lead before Billy Halfe, assisted by Brad Colville, put the Elks on the scoreboard. The Senators added another to make it 3-1 after 20 minutes. Elk Point caught up in the first half of the second period with a pair of goals by Cory Laboucane, assisted by Jon Olson on both and Mike Boratynec in the second. However, the tie lasted a mere 9 seconds before Vermilion again took the lead, scoring two of their own before Jon Olson, assisted by Kerry Loughran and Rick Austin, added another for the Elks. Vermilion scored another pair to bring the score to 7-4 after two periods. Elk Point had a comeback in the third, with goals by Mike Boratynec,

assisted by Billy Halfe, and by Jon Olson, assisted by Kerry Loughran, but were unable to catch up. Vermilion scored into an empty net with 21 seconds on the clock for a final score of 8-6.

Elk Point scored the first goal in their Friday, December 16 meeting with Paradise Valley, but that was the last for almost two periods, and not enough to stem the Jet-stream coming at goalie Jacques Hebert. Blair Halfe scored for the Elks 13 minutes and 4 seconds into the first period, off assists by Brad Colville and Jeff Buck. Paradise Valley answered with two goals that period, two more in the second and two in the third, for a 6-1 lead before Elk Point again made their mark. Dwayne Karbaszewski scored just after the middle of the third period, assisted by Rick Austin, with Paradise Valley firing an answering shot 25 seconds later for the final score of 7-2.

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What's News at the Library?

Remembering a great Storytime Christmas Party

By Michele Duczak
Librarian

The Christmas party we held on December 16 was attended by a very enthusiastic and excited group of youngsters. At this time I would like to thank Irene Magnusson for sharing some of her Christmas writings and a jolly old elf named Kris Kringle (you know who you are) for adding to the spirit of the season.

In addition to our special visitors, the children had a shot

at smashing the promised pinata. After everyone had a turn, Linda MacCallum from the Northern Lights Library System finally put the poor pinata out of its misery with a single mighty blow. The kids descended on the candy like they hadn't been fed in weeks. Everyone got some and was very happy.

The Twelve Days of Christmas tree is completed and I have to admit it looks

pretty neat with all its home-made ornaments. I think the kids did a great job, but don't take my word for it - come on down to the library before the middle of January and judge for yourself.

By the time this is published I will be back from my parents' place where I will be spending Christmas weekend. I hope everyone had a great Christmas. Don't forget to celebrate the New Year at First

Night on December 31. The library will be the site of a puppet show in the early afternoon and is sponsoring storytelling at the arena in the early evening.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

Friday mornings: 10:30 a.m. - Storytime; come out for crafts, stories and more.

Wednesday, January 11,

IN MEMORIAM

BUCHARSKI, Mike

In loving memory of our father who passed away on December 31, 1993.

*God knew that he was suffering
That the hills were hard to climb
So he closed his weary eyelids
And whispered Peace Be Thine.
Away in the beautiful hills of God
By the valley of rest so fair
Some day we know not when
We will meet our loved one there.
Sadly missed by Glen and Irene
Gulayec and Terry.*

COMMUNITY NEWSLINE

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Room 605, Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital.

T.O.P.S. meets every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Old Courthouse, west door, Elk Point.

"Welcome Package" available for newcomers moving into the town of Elk Point. If you would like to receive a package, please call Elk Point Community Services at 724-3800.

Recycle Your Paper - Paper trailer is located at the Universal Bottle Depot - 5214 Railway Ave. We take newspapers, flyers, computer and bond paper. No cardboard boxes, milk or egg cartons, phone books or glossy magazines. Please sort and bundle with string or put in cardboard boxes.

Elk Point Public Library - Mon. - CLOSED; Tues. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wed. 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Storytime - Fri at 10:30 a.m. ☺ Photocopies. Extended library services and reliable information sources. Public meeting space available to non-profit organizations at no charge. Please call the Elk Point Library for booking at 724-3737.

The Elk Point Legion now meets on the 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Seniors' Centre.

Elk Point Auto Club - meets at the Empress Restaurant, Elk Point, the 2nd Wednesday of each month. More information call: Ed Smith at 724-2527.

Elk Point Olettes regular meeting is the 1st Thursday of the month. For more information, call Fay at 724-2036.

Farmers' Market and Garage Sale - New and Old. Fridays 12 noon - 4 p.m. in the United Church Hall, Elk Point. Tables are \$5. To book a table call Lois 724-3823 or Sharon 724-3803.

Elk Point & Area "Stop Family Violence" Support Group - meetings are held 2 times a month. For more information call 724-2380.

The Elk Point Support Group - meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. More info: 724-2203 or 724-2380.

La Leche League meets every 2nd Thurs. of the month at 7:30 p.m., 5017 - 56 Ave., Elk Point. Contact 724-4491.

Adoption Support Krew - meets the 2nd Mon. of every month at Social Services Bldg., St. Paul from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.. For more info call 724-3031.

Many Albertans gamble as a form of recreation. For a small minority, however, gambling becomes a problem. If you or someone you know is experiencing personal, social or financial problems as a result of their gambling, confidential help is available. Call 1-800-665-9676.

1995: Friends of the Library are working a bingo.

Tuesday, January 17, 1995: Elk Point Public Library's Annual General Meeting, open to the public. Time to be posted later.

DID YOU KNOW: The first radio program broadcast occurred at Brant Rock, Massachusetts on December 24, 1906.

CHURCH SERVICES

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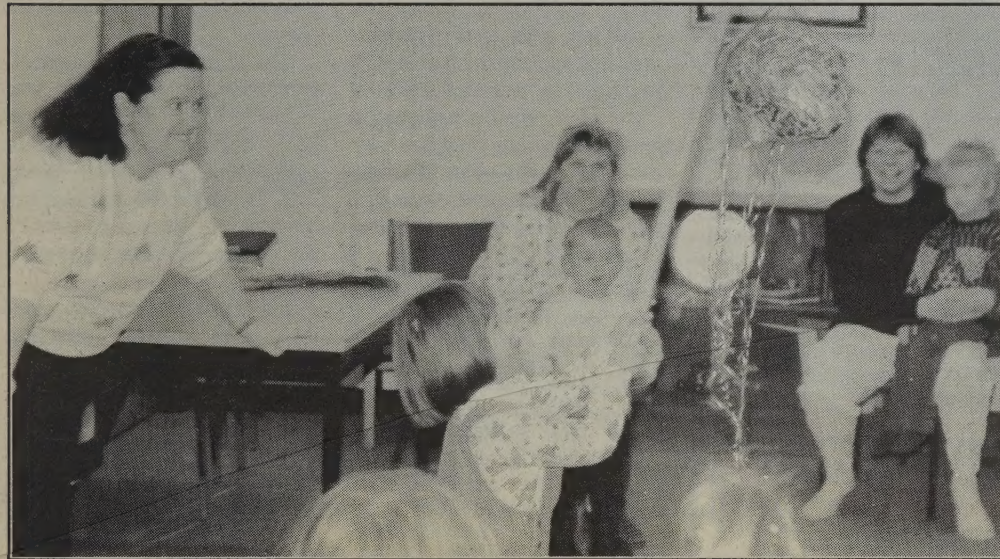
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PINT-SIZED PINATA POUNDER - The youngsters at the Elk Point Library's Storytime Christmas Party found it took a lot of mighty whacks to reach the candy in the brightly decorated pinata.

Perhaps the best reason for having calendars is that the cycle itself offers hope.
— Loudon Wainwright

CARD OF THANKS

GRYKULIAK, Paul

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our relatives, friends, and neighbors for their kindness and comforting words following Paul's death. No words seem adequate to express our appreciation to all who helped our saddened hearts with your prayers, visits, phone calls, memorial tributes, donations, flowers, food, and cards of sympathy.

Our deepest gratitude to Don Conrad and the Elk Point Elementary Staff for arranging the facility and preparing and serving the lunch. Thanks, also, to Ida Maksymec for catering the dinner.

A special thank you to the pallbearers, the cross bearer, the cantor, and to Elizabeth Arychuk for reading the eulogy.

Very special thanks to Reverend Father Sapiha for his inspiring service, his prayers and his consoling words, and to Caroline and John Yewchin for their understanding and guidance.

Finally, thank you to all of you for attending the prayer and funeral services. Our hearts are deeply touched by your caring and your thoughtfulness. We do miss Paul greatly and our lives will never be the same without him.

Olga and Family

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Unifarm's 1994 Overview and 1995 Predictions

Alberta producers, on average, have to be pleased with 1994 as it relates to both production and prices says Roy Jensen, President of Unifarm. Returns from agricultural production in Alberta will, for the first time ever, exceed one billion dollars in net realized income. Estimated net realized income for 1994 is \$1.2 billion; the total for 1993 was \$930 million.

Jensen says many farmers will not see much of this 25% increase in returns because some of it will be reflected in less government program payments. He says when it comes to income statements there will

be more from the market place and less from programs, like G.R.I.P.

The President says the two main reasons for the increased income are, first an excellent harvest with a high percentage of high quality product at a time when quality is at a premium due to the poor harvest conditions of the last two years. The second reason is an increase in prices for nearly all crops.

The down side of agriculture says Jensen is the hog industry which has seen up to 33 per cent drop in prices since summer. A frustrating point here is that retail pork prices have actually increased about 3 per cent in the same time period.

Jensen also states the most important events affecting agriculture in 1994 were centered around trade. The signing of G.A.T.T. in December 1993 has brought about much work for Unifarm in helping to bring about changes to W.G.T.A. and development of a new all farm safety net program. Unifarm was very concerned with the agreement between Canada and the U.S. restricting Canadian exports of wheat and durum to that country. The sugar beet industry is now in jeopardy with U.S. trade restrictions through tariffs on sugar and sugar products. Jensen says it doesn't make sense when we only grow 10 per cent of domestic use and are still affected by exports.

At a meeting in Ottawa on December 1, Minister Goodale promised final changes to the method of payment of the W.G.T.A. by August 1, 1995. Jensen also expects a new safety net program for all farmers in place prior to planting. Concerns about government budgets will be a determining factor in the value and possible impact of those two programs. Jensen says much work will be necessary to protect farmer interests in the new Alberta Water Conservation and Management Draft Act.

As to the New Year, Jensen predicts hog prices will return to more normal values at least by mid 1995. He doesn't think anyone can honestly say what might happen in the beef industry with the American industry taking such a beating and with their producers claiming Unifarm competition

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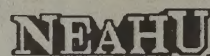
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EPSRA hosts farewell for Frankiw

Elk Point Surface Rights Association hosted a farewell luncheon for Allan Frankiw of Norcen Energy Resources, who is leaving Elk Point to become Operations Leader in Norcen's Calgary office. Frankiw is being replaced as Area Superintendent by Kevin Casper, who comes to Elk Point from Calgary, and is originally from Meadow Lake.

EPSRA President Alban Bugej told the gathering that Norcen, through its predecessor companies, was the first oil company to open the local heavy oil field during the late

"It's been an enjoyable eleven years,"

Frankiw

1970s. During those early days, both the oil companies and the farmers went through a period of adjustment as they learned to live together. "In spite of some early disagreements, I am pleased to say that neither Norcen nor its predecessors ever had an application objected to by the local people. They must be doing something right," Bugej said.

He noted that Norcen was not very active in this area during the time Frankiw served as

Area Superintendent, "but that doesn't mean that Allan was not." Frankiw took over other responsibilities by extending his supervision to other oil and gas fields between Lloydminster and Two Hills. He also found time to participate in local politics, serving two terms on Town Council.

"The EPSRA organized this reception and lunch today to express our appreciation for Allan's efforts in maintaining excellent relations between Norcen and the local community, in particular the agricultural sector." The luncheon was sponsored by Elk Point Sand and Gravel.

Frankiw said it "seems like yesterday that I was offered a job here." He quipped that his wife Diane had her bags packed almost before he said yes, as this was a homecoming for her, to the town she grew up in. "It's been an enjoyable eleven years," Frankiw said. "I certainly tried to work with the landowners, and I'm sure Kevin will continue to do so."

Frankiw "had the dirty work of downsizing and right-sizing. I only hired one operator, and can't count how many I laid off and transferred," he said. However, things are look-

ing up in the oilpatch and he sees "great opportunities for the future. Lindbergh and Two Hills will be more active than in the past." As Operations Leader, Frankiw will still be involved with Elk Point to a certain degree, and will also be

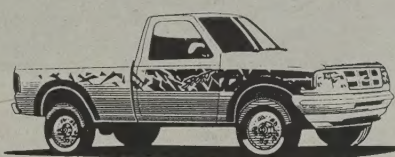
here on weekends until his family moves to their new home in February.

Kevin Casper was welcomed by Bugej, and said he is looking forward to calling Elk Point home. "I can't wait to bring my family here."

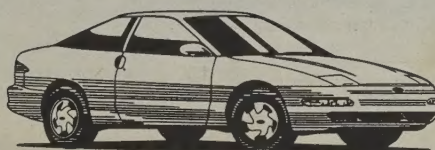
Aaron Aarbo attended the gathering to present a farewell gift to Frankiw on behalf of his cousin Darcy Pankiw and himself, who have received support for their hockey teams from Norcen.

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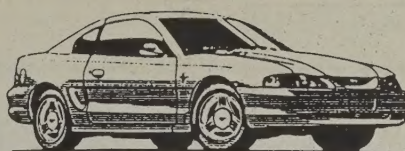
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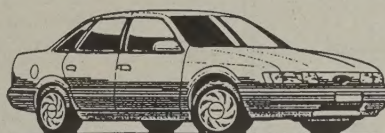
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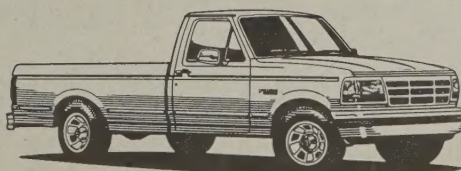
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NEW AREA SUPERINTENDENT - Allan Frankiw welcomes his successor, Kevin Casper, to Norcen's Elk Point office during a community farewell party for the Frankiws, December 15. (Sorry, the pictures from December 22 did not turn out.)

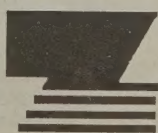
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from Canada. He says new Asian markets in beef should make it safe to be more positive about long term beef demand. The President says wheat, canola, barley and pulse crops are in greater demand the world over than seen in two

decades. He says we have reason to expect continued strong prices for all seeded crops in 1995.

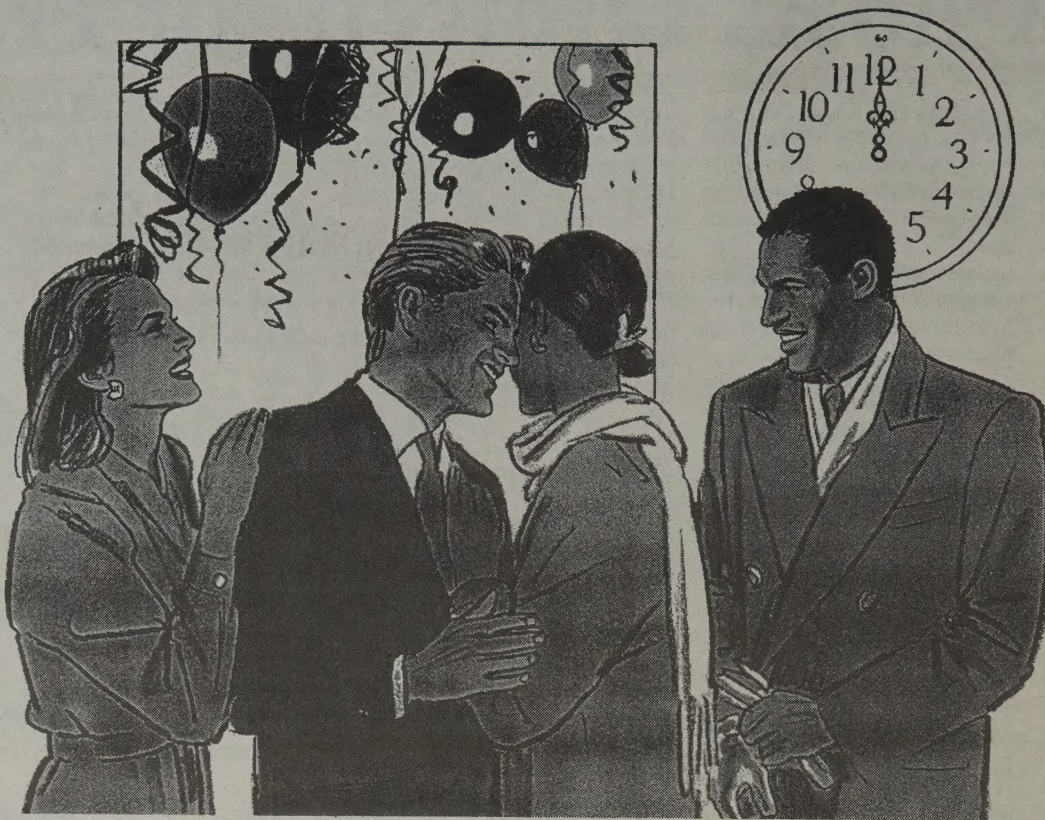
Jensen says producers on the whole should be looking ahead to 1995 with much optimism.



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